# Press Release

### HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of Economic Development



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## PUBLIC SAFETY "Ensuring a Safe Harford"

#### **EDUCATION**

"Preparing Now, Building for the Future"

## EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT "Governing Smarter"

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining Harford's Prosperity"

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our Environment"

# QUALITY LIVING "Safeguarding What is Important to Harford County Citizens"

#### Harford County Alive with Fall Festivals and Events in October

(Bel Air, MD) - - The cooler weather of October brings fall festivals and events in Harford County to a peak.

Havre de Grace welcomes back the third annual Graw Days Festival on October 9th. This Roaring 20's street festival features more than 100 artists and craft vendors. Sidewalk sales, wheeled horse parade with prizes, pony rides, live music, food vendors and carriages rides. Some streets are closed to traffic.

The fourth annual Harford Fall Festival will return again on October 16<sup>th</sup> to the Equestrian Center in Bel Air. Live music, kids games and moon bounces, and food vendors are featured in this fundraiser for area homeless shelters.

Harford County also has a rich historic background. Jerusalem Mill Village celebrates Colonial Craftsmen Weekend on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Living history interpreters and re-enactors re-create the 1750-1790 era in beautiful Jerusalem Village. The weekend features hand-made crafts, candle dipping, spinning and children's games.

Historic tours of Tudor Hall, the home of Booth Family, will be held on October10th and 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Town of Bel Air will be hosting a Film Festival the weekend of October  $22^{nd} - 24^{th}$ . Enjoy fascinating, high-caliber independent and classic films. On Sunday local students will have the opportunity to showcase their films.

Outdoor excursions to Ladew Topiary Gardens are still popular and for the car enthusiast, the British Antique Car Show will be held there on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

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To get in the Halloween spirit, there are lots of haunted happenings in Harford County. The scariest place in Harford County is Legends of the Fog. This is a great place for teenagers and young adults to enjoy a frightening Halloween experience. With haunted hayrides, Carsins Manor, the Maze of Darkness and the SiNiStEr CiRcUs, there are various price packages to make for a frightful evening.

For those looking for a little less frightening experience, the Haunted History Tours in Havre de Grace should be perfect. Although not appropriate for children under 8 years, this is an enjoyable 90 minute walk of the City of Havre de Grace while hearing stories of some of the more colorful citizens from the past. Havre de Grace also offers a daytime historic walking tour on weekends.

Families are sure to enjoy the Havre de Grace Halloween Costume Contest and Parade on October 30<sup>th</sup>. There is also a Halloween parade/costume contest at the Festival of Bel Air on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Eden Mill Nature Center and Anita Leight Estuary Center have added a lot of fall and Halloween themed activities to their program calendars.

Advanced registrations and ticket sales are required for many of the fall events. Please check for details of the aforementioned activities by visiting the Harford County tourism website at www.harfordmd.com and find all there is to love about the County.

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"Preserving Harford's past; promoting Harford's future"